



SB2268
RELATING TO QUEEN LILIUOKALANI
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

February 23, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Room 211

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) SUPPORTS SB2268, which would require that the inscription on the statue of Queen Lili'uokalani on the grounds of the State Capitol be changed to reflect that she was the queen of the Kingdom of Hawai'i from her coronation on January 29, 1891, until her death on November 11, 1917.

From the moment she became queen until she died, Queen Lili'uokalani's tenure as Hawai'i's last ruling monarch was beset by political turmoil and personal distress. Her kingdom was illegally overthrown with the aid of the U.S. military, and she was imprisoned in her own palace. Through it all, she exhibited remarkable courage and an unwavering commitment to her people and her kingdom. To honor Queen Lili'uokalani, the inscription of her statue should be changed as proposed in SB2268.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.



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TESTIMONY OF
STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON
January 30, 2012

S. B. 2268

Chair Galuteria and members of the committee, I am Eva Laird

Smith, executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the
Arts (SFCA) and I am pleased to offer testimony on S. B. 2268.

The State Foundation acknowledges the memory of Queen
Liliu'okalani and the need to recognize her importance to Hawai'i and
Hawaii's people. Should the State Legislature call for physical changes
by way of primary data pertaining to the Queen's statue, the State
Foundation would be honored to assist in this endeavor.

We also recommend that any new text be formulated by a
legislatively appointed committee or an art advisory committee chaired
by the SFCA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you.